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MISSOULA--

Two university students from Montana--including a former Olympic and world ice skating competitor--were selected Wednesday (Dec. 13) to represent the state in the northwestern district Rhodes Scholarship competition Saturday in Portland, Ore.

Representing Montana in the district competition will be former ice skating competitor John Misha Petkevich, 23, Great Falls, a former student at the College of Great Falls who is now a senior biology major at Harvard University, and Mark S. Peppler, 21, Whitefish Bay, Wis., a senior in chemistry and microbiology at the University of Montana, Missoula.

The district selection committee Saturday will award four two-year scholarships to Oxford University, Oxford, England, under the Rhodes program.

Petkevich and Peppler were selected as district finalists Wednesday at UM by the Rhodes Scholarship State Selection Committee.

Petkevich is son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Petkevich, Great Falls, and Peppler is son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Peppler, Whitefish Bay, Wis.

Dr. Nathan Blumberg, a UM journalism professor who is a member of the state selection committee, also will represent the state in Portland at the district selection meeting Saturday.

Blumberg said criteria used by Rhodes judges in determining scholarship winners are leadership ability, high moral character, physical fitness, high academic achievement and intellectual interests.

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